

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/03 (10-03)
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	
--	--

Application Number	09/286,119
Filing Date	April 2, 1999
First Named Inventor	Italo Goffi
Art Unit	1734
Examiner Name	J. Lovrino
Attorney Docket Number	Goffi et al

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1994, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114]

a. Previously submittedi. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.

(Any unmarked amendment(s) referred to above will be disregarded).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.iii. Other _____b. Enclosedi. Amendment/Replyiii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. Other _____

2. [Miscellaneous]

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. See under 37 CFR 1.17(j) if required)b. Other. Please withdraw the Notice of Allowance and enter the enclosed amendment _____

3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)iii. Other _____b. Check in the amount of \$380.00 enclosedc. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2034 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2034.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type) William Collard Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 38,411

Signature *William Collard* Date September 18, 2003

Customer No. 25889

CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent by facsimile transmission to the U.S.P.T.O. to Patent Examiner J. Lovrino at Group 1734, to 1-703-872-2310 on September 18, 2003*William Collard*

GSA GEN. REG. FORM 1050-A-RCE-FAX (REV. 10-95)

Received from <15163659825> at 9/18/03 2:47:18 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Match and Return

#3D
TC 2/12/04
FAX RECEIVED
SEP 23 2003
GROUP 1700